

## **CITY OF FELLSMERE POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS**

This is an excerpt from the City of Fellsmere Land Development Regulations, Section 20-37, "Signs", K, 1 & 2, and appropriate definitions.

**Political Sign:** Any temporary sign used to influence a local, county, state, or national election.

**Snipe Sign:** Any sign placed on any tree, utility pole, or similar object. Also, any sign installed without permission of the owner of the property where the sign is placed.

**Temporary Sign:** Any sign intended to be displayed for a limited period of time only, usually for less than one year.

### *K. Temporary signs requiring permits.*

1. **GENERALLY:** The following signs which are temporary in nature shall require a permit before placement and shall comply with the specific requirements of this section:

- a. Political signs.
- b. Public charitable, educational, or religious signs.
- c. Active subdivision or real estate development signs.
- d. Construction signs.

### **2. POLITICAL SIGNS:**

- a. No political sign may be erected more than thirty (30) days prior to the election in which the candidate's name or the issue will appear. Any such sign shall be removed by the candidate, his agent, or the occupant of the premises within five (5) days after the election in which the candidate is eliminated or elected, whichever occurs first, or after the resolution of the respective issues by referendum.
- b. Prior to the placement of a political sign, a check from the candidates Campaign Account in the amount of a \$25.00 payment shall be posted with the City Clerk. The security may be forfeited in whole or in part by the City Clerk for either:
  1. Failure to move all signs within the applicable five (5) day period for removal.
  2. The placement of snipe signs.
  3. Authorizing placement or allowing a sign to remain more than two (2) days after notice to the political candidate of any political sign otherwise in violation to this chapter.
- c. The illegal placement of any political sign advertising a particular candidate shall be prima facie evidence that the candidate placed or authorized the placement of said sign.
- d. Political signs erected more than ten (10) feet from the edge of the paved roadway or the traveled portion of the unpaved roadway or on the land side of paved sidewalks shall be considered to comply with the right-of-way requirements set forth herein.

- e. Political signs in residential districts, as defined in the zoning code, are allowed subject to the following provisions:
  - 1. One sign not exceeding nine (9) square feet per lot or parcel of land.
  - 2. Sign shall not be illuminated and shall be free standing.
  - 3. Sign shall be located wholly on private property, shall be placed at least five (5) feet from all right-of-ways and fifteen (15) feet from all property lines, and shall not exceed five (5) feet in height.
  
- f. Political signs in nonresidential districts, as defined in the zoning code, are allowed subject to the following provisions:
  - 1. One sign per candidate or issue is allowed and not more than two (2) signs per premises are allowed. These signs shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet. These signs shall be separated by a minimum distance of fifteen (15) feet.
  - 2. Sign shall not be illuminated.
  - 3. Sign shall be located wholly on private property, shall be placed at least five (5) feet from any right-of-ways and fifteen (15) feet from all property lines, and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

**City of Fellsmere**  
**22 S. Orange Street**  
**Fellsmere, Florida 32948-6714**  
**Phone: 772-646-6301 Fax: 772-571-8615**  
**Email: [CityClerk@CityofFellsmere.org](mailto:CityClerk@CityofFellsmere.org)**

***Application for Temporary/Political Sign Permit:***

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for a temporary, political, sign permit for:

Type of Sign	Purpose
Dimensions	Construction Material
Property Location	Distance from Sidewalk/Road
Distance from Property Line	Property Zoning Classification

I hereby certify that I have read and examined this application and know the same to be true and correct. All provision of laws and ordinances governing this type of work will be complied with whether specified herein or not. The granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any other state or local law regulating the construction or the performance of construction, including any deviations from approved plans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Candidate's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk, City of Fellsmere